

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A printing apparatus that allows a user to make various settings inclusive of a selection of used language, comprising:

5        output unit for outputting information; and  
      output control unit for, in response to request for outputting setting information indicating the various settings, controlling the output unit to output the setting information;

10       wherein said output control unit controls said output unit to output language information indicating the used language by expressing the language information in symbols that are independent of the language that has been set as the used language, and output setting  
15       information exclusive of the language information by expressing the setting information exclusive of the language information in the language that has been set as the used language.

2. The apparatus according to claim 1, further  
20       comprising:

      a setting storage unit for storing settings inclusive a setting of the used language; and

      a message storage unit for storing messages corresponding to respective ones of the settings wherein  
25       the messages are outputted as the setting information by said output unit;

      wherein the message corresponding to the setting of

the used language is expressed by the symbols that are independent of the language that has been set as the used language, and the messages corresponding to the settings other than the setting of the used language are  
5 expressed by the language that has been set as the used language.

3. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the symbols are a specific language.

4. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the  
10 specific language is the English language.

5. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said output unit displays messages.

6. The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said output unit prints messages.

15 7. The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising a conversion unit for converting those settings, from among settings that have been stored by said settings storage unit, that are other than a setting concerning the language used, to messages in a  
20 language conforming to the setting concerning the language used, and storing these messages in said message storage unit.

8. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said conversion unit initially reads out the setting  
25 concerning the language used from among the settings that have been stored by said settings storage unit, and converts other settings to messages in a language

conforming to the setting concerning the language used.

9. A method of controlling a printing apparatus that supports a plurality of languages, comprising:

5 a setting step of allowing a user to make various settings inclusive of a selection of language used; and  
an output step of outputting the various settings;  
wherein said output step includes outputting the setting of the language used by expressing this setting in symbols that are independent of the language that has  
10 been set as the language used, and outputting settings exclusive of the language used by expressing these settings in the language that has been set as the language used.

10. The method according to claim 9, wherein the  
15 symbols are a specific language.

11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the specific language is the English language.

12. The method according to claim 9, wherein said output step includes presenting a display.

20 13. The method according to claim 9, wherein said output step includes performing printing.

14. The method according to claim 9, further comprising a conversion step of converting those settings, from among settings that have been stored by said settings  
25 storage unit, that are other than a setting concerning the language used, to messages in a language conforming to the setting concerning the language used, and storing

these messages in said message storage unit.

15. The method according to claim 14, wherein said conversion step includes initially reading out the setting concerning the language used from among the  
5 settings that have been stored by said settings storage unit, and converting other settings to messages in a language conforming to the setting concerning the language used.

16. A computer program for performing control, which  
10 supports a plurality of languages, by computer, said program comprising:

code of a setting step of allowing a user to make various settings inclusive of a selection of language used; and

15 code of an output step of outputting the various settings;

wherein said output step includes outputting the setting of the language used by expressing this setting in symbols that are independent of the language that has  
20 been set as the language used, and outputting settings exclusive of the language used by expressing these settings in the language that has been set as the language used.

17. The computer program according to claim 16, wherein  
25 the symbols are a specific language.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein the specific language is the English language.

19. The method according to claim 16, wherein a display is controlled at said output step.

20. The method according to claim 9, wherein printing is performed at said output step.

5 21. The method according to claim 16, further comprising code of a conversion step of converting those settings, from among settings that have been stored by said settings storage unit, that are other than a setting concerning the language used, to messages in a  
10 language conforming to the setting concerning the language used, and storing these messages in said message storage unit.

22. The method according to claim 21, wherein said conversion step includes initially reading out the  
15 setting concerning the language used from among the settings that have been stored by said settings storage unit, and converting other settings to messages in a language conforming to the setting concerning the language used.

20 23. A computer-readable storage medium storing the computer program set forth in claim 16.